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### **Response to Amendment and Arguments**

1. Applicant's Reply Brief filed August 16, 2006, has been entered and made of record.
2. Applicant's arguments with regard to claim 1 have been fully considered, but are not considered persuasive because of the following reasons:

Regarding the Applicant's disagreement (page 2 of the Argument) of Altman's teaching, "ink phrase termination engine". The Examiner further cited new excerpts along with previous excerpts to clearly show that Altman teaches this limitation. Again, the Examiner respectfully disagrees with the Applicant. Altman, as explained by the Examiner, teaches "ink phrase termination engine". Please refer back to the Examiner's Answer, page 11, for further explanations.

Regarding the Applicant's argument (page 2) that Altman does not disclose ink phrases. Again, as explained by the Examiner in the Examiner's Answer, page 12, Altman teaches this concept.

Referring to the Applicant's argument (page 13 of the Argument) of the limitation "in response to receiving from the client application a reference context affiliated with the unrecognized ink strokes of the ink phrase, associates the reference context with the ink strokes", again this is explained in the Examiner's Answer Office Action (bottom of page 12-13).

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Q. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-7424. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 A.M - 5:30 P.M.

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